

Author Compares Stories With Plays at Meeting

Charlotte Armstrong, "Edgar"-winning mystery author, spoke at a recent meeting of Southwest Manuscripters, Clark Stadium Hermosa Beach.

"A professional story differs from an amateur story because of the fact that it is a whole, it is complete, it is an entity in itself," Miss Armstrong said.

"A story, as a painting, may have various masterful parts," Miss Armstrong declared, "and yet be nothing. A good story, as all art, stands alone, has a form of its own and has a constant style," she continued.

Miss Armstrong, author of 15 successful mystery novels, two Broadway plays and numerous short stories appearing in such magazines as Saturday Evening Post and Redbook, advises aspiring writers to read the collections of best stories.

"In the anthologies," she says, "you can learn to recognize this quality of 'wholeness' in a story."

Noting that television is the big present-day market for fiction, Miss Armstrong still advises writers to enter it through the short-story door.

"A good published short story brings you credit and an agent, two requisites for

a break through into television. But in the meantime, watch television carefully, observe especially the camera techniques and write with an eye toward this medium," she said.

Loren Roberts, Manuscripter president, announced award winners in the club's recent playwriting contest.

"Maxine Peters won top prize with her play, 'Memory of a Stranger.'"

Second-place honors went to Fae Donna Cooley for her "Road to Bethlehem." Bernie Miller received honorable mention with "Accuser from the Grave."

Roberts urged all Manuscripter members wishing to submit entries in the annual Christmas contest to have manuscripts in by Nov. 17.

This contest, differing from past years, is open to professionals and amateurs, and a Christmas theme is not mandatory.

Writing can be in four categories: short story, limit 300 words; plays, one-act or 30 pages (with the exception of TV plays, which may run longer); articles, limit 2000 words; poetry, limit 24 lines.

Betty Rooker, Manuscripter member, reported sale of a short story this past month to Sunday Digest.

Next Manuscripters meeting will be held at Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, Nov. 17 at 8 p. m.

For further information, call Mary Edith Lindsay, secretary, FR 2-6159.

Board Names R. A Peterson Vice-Chairman

Rudolph A. Peterson, San Francisco and Hawaiian Island banker, has been named vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Bank of America, it was announced in San Francisco by President S. Clark Beise.

Beise said Peterson would join the management staff of the bank at the head office in San Francisco Nov. 15 when he relinquished his present position with the Bank of Hawaii in Honolulu.

The new executive appointment will be a return home for Peterson, who was with Bank of America from 1936 to 1946 having statewide responsibility in the lending field.

In 1946 he was asked by the bank to take on activities for Transamerica Corporation and until 1952 was president of Allied Building Credits.

He then served for three years as vice president of Transamerica, supervising all of the corporation's banking interests throughout the five western states.

Peterson joined the Bank of Hawaii in a senior capacity in 1955 and on Feb. 16, 1956 was named president of the bank, a position he has held since that time.

A 1925 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, he spent the first ten years of his business career with the Commercial Credit Company, where he held executive positions in San Francisco, Mexico City and Chicago.

Peterson is serving currently on several national committees of the American Bankers Association.

During his residence in Hawaii he has been a director of several of the island's large commercial and industrial enterprises.

Kirkman Named STL Engineer

Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., a subsidiary of Thompson Ramo Woolridge, Inc., has announced appointment of Robert A. Kirkman to staff engineer in the electronic design integration department.

In this newly created position at STL, Kirkman reports to the manager of the department, a unit of the company's electro-mechanical laboratory. He formerly was with Marquardt Corp.

A graduate of Brooklyn College, New York, with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, Kirkman also received a certificate of graduation from the Radio Corporation of America Institute.

He is a member of American Radio Relay League Institute of Radio Engineers and American Management Association.

He is married, father of three children, and resides at 2429 Via Sonoma, Palos Verdes Estates.

Shares Rise At Garrett Corporation

The Garrett Corporation has reported earnings of \$1,040,521 for the first quarter ended September 30, or 72 cents per share, on the basis of 1,449,822 shares outstanding.

This compared with earnings of \$326,249 or 23 cents per share for the same period last year based on the same number of shares.

Profit before taxes was \$2,335,901.

Sales for the current first quarter were \$47,891,854 as compared to \$47,682,849 for the first quarter last year. The company's backlog at present is in the neighborhood of \$115,000,000, up from \$98,000,000 a year ago.

J. C. Garrett, president, stated that the upturn in earnings was largely due to the predicted drop off in development and starting load costs which had affected earnings during most of last year.

He indicated that profits should continue to improve during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Students Hear Discussion On Personality

What is your P.Q. (personality quotient) rating?

This will be the subject of lecturer L. L. Cunningham when he speaks at North High School Nov. 1. Cunningham is not only a lecturer but also a sales director, educator, and the president of the Business Institute of Milwaukee.

He has traveled throughout the United States speaking on "The Key to Leadership," "The Base of the Selling Triangle," "Speak Well and Win," and "What Is Your P.Q. Rating?"

Completes Class In Insurance

Richard E. Patterson, a claim representative for the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., 3810 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance, has returned after completing three weeks technical study at his firm's home office, Bloomington, Ill.

State Farm maintains the school on a year-round basis so representatives may be informed of the latest methods, policy contracts and procedures in claim servicing.

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